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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Amended) A method of storing data in a database, the method comprising the steps of:
obtaining both a protocol encoded raw form of a data to be stored and a syntax-normalised form of said data; and
storing concurrently both the syntax-normalised form and the protocol encoded raw form of said data.
 2. (Amended) A method of storing data in a database, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said obtaining step comprises: